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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005.

Claims 1-41 are currently pending. Initially, the allowance of claims 24-31 is gratefully acknowledged. Claims 1-23 and 32-41, however, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or 103 as allegedly unpatentable over various cited items. Claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 32, 33, and 36 have been amended herein to clarify the subject matter being claimed, while claim 8 has been canceled. Claims 3-7, 9-12, 15-31, 34-35, and 37-41 remain unchanged. New dependent claims 42-46 have been added.

The cited items are addressed in the Remarks below. It is believed that Applicant's invention is distinct from each of the cited items, whether considered

alone or in combination, and that the pending claims are therefore in condition for final allowance.

Accordingly, please amend this application as shown herein. In view of the amendments herein and supporting remarks, final allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.